

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2016

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Norman (Nope) Martin, Chair

Present: John Timken, Mary Oldenburg, Vicky Young, Randy Kennedy and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: Warren Blanchard Jr, Attorney Christopher Blanchard, John Blanchard, Steve Tarleton, Sr., and Katy Savage, VT Standard Reporter

John moved to accept the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> was written. Mary seconded the motion and motion carried.

**Visitors:** Attorney Chris Blanchard questioned the board about the Class 4 Road Policy and work performed on these roads. Discussion of how town adheres to policy and how or who determines work to be done including bridge on Chateaugay Rd (TH 5). Per 2015 State Bridge Inspection report, Booth Bridge needed to be replanked within next year or so. Highway Dept. replanked bridge in July. Per inspection report, bridge is rated for 3 ton, discussion of safety issues with bridge for vehicles weighing over 3 ton. Town may need to consider replacing bridge.

**Highway Report:** New truck has traveled as far as Idaho and is now awaiting a new transfer case. May put truck on a flatbed and ship it here and have transfer case installed once it gets here. Not sure of current delivery schedule. Randy will follow up. New highway employee is working out notice and is expected to begin work on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Nope signed agreement for Better Back Road Grant and Contract Agreement with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission to assist Randy with Culvert and Erosion project. Paving project on Bridgewater Center Road (between beginning of road and Jenne's road) was completed on Monday. At this time Nope recused himself from the board so that bids for the Little Sherburne Road bank stabilization project could be opened and awarded. John, with Mary's consent spearheaded this project to the extent of taking measurements, preparing drawing and contacting (original 3 bidders) bidders and having site meeting. New specifications include town to purchase material for 40' x 14' (from drawing) project. Three bids were received from Jeff Bridge Exc. (\$6,000.00), Martin Exc. (\$2,137.00), and Mosher Exc.(\$5,260.00). John moved to award project to Martin Exc., with the lowest bid of \$2,137.00. Mary seconded the motion and motion carried. Nope returned to the next business item on the agenda.

**Treasurer's File:** Order sheet (#4 with ck #'s 2227-2229 and #'s 16953-16988) and payroll (#'s 3346-3358 and electronic checks 2626-2635). Vicky updated the board on the sewer accounts. Since June over \$11,000 has been collected. Final FY 16 and current year budget status reports were given to the board.

**Clerk's File:** Discussion of the wastewater treatment plant pumping station and need to repair or replace one of the submersible pumps. Chris Hayes, Plant Manager had gotten quotes for both repair and replacement of \$2,250 and \$4,450 respectively. John moved to have pump repaired at the cost of \$2,250.00. Nope seconded motion and motion carried.

**New/Old Business:** Board reviewed and signed a grant application for the Fire Dept. This will be a 50/50 grant to purchase 4 refurbished pack and cylinder combinations. Fire Dept. will pay for their portion of the funding. An application for a permit to hold an event on public streets or highways was approved to the Overland Bicycle Race to be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Race will be in Barnard and come into Bridgewater by RT 12 over Perkins Rd. A catering permit was approved for a wedding reception on August 27<sup>th</sup>. in North Bridgewater.

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Randy requested an executive session to discuss personnel as per 1 V.S.A. 13 (3) at 5:15 pm. Nancy and Vicky were invited to remain with selectboard members. Board approved request and entered into executive session.

Board returned to open meeting at 5:30 pm and the following action was taken: on a motion made by Mary and seconded by John, Peter Oldenburg's rate of pay will increase to \$18.00 to take effect with next pay cycle.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk